

CLAIMS

1. A data processing method comprising the steps of receiving a redeemable token containing substantially irrefutable evidence of network access having been granted to a wireless communication device by a base station; and redeeming the token by associating at least a portion of a resource with the grant of the network access.
2. A method as claimed in claim 1 in which the step of associating comprises the step of allocating the portion of the resource to, or for consumption by, an identifiable party.
3. A method as claimed in claim 2 in which the step of allocating at least a portion of a resource comprises forwarding data, to a third party institution, representing a transfer of the portion of the resource to the identifiable third party.
4. A method as claimed in claim 3 in which the identifiable third party is an owner of the base station.
5. A method as claimed in any preceding claim, further comprising a step of deriving the substantially irrefutable evidence from data associated with the wireless communication device.
6. A method as claimed in claim 5 in which the step of deriving comprises the step of obtaining a unique identifier from the wireless communication device and using at least a portion of that unique identifier to form the substantially irrefutable evidence.
7. A method as claimed in claim 5 in which the step of deriving comprises the step of copying at least a part of predetermined address data used by the wireless communication device to communicate with the base station.
8. A method as claimed in claim 7 in which the step of copying comprises the step of copying at least a part of a MAC address used by the wireless communication device.
9. A data processing method comprising the step of outputting a redeemable token containing substantially irrefutable evidence of network access having been granted to a wireless communication device by a base station.
10. A method as claimed in claim 9, further comprising the step of receiving from the wireless communication device unique identification data associated therewith and

deriving the substantially irrefutable evidence from the received data.

11. A method as claimed in claim 10 in which the step of receiving comprises the step of receiving at least a part of predetermined address data used by the wireless communication device in communicating with the base station.
- 5 12. A method as claimed in claim 11 in which the predetermined address data is derived from at least part of a MAC address used by the wireless communication device.
13. A method as claimed in any of claims 10 to 12 in which the step of receiving from the wireless communication device data associated therewith comprises the step of receiving authenticated digital data providing evidence of an substantially irrebuttable association with the wireless communication device or an owner thereof.
- 10 14. A data processing method comprising the steps of outputting data from which a redeemable token representing substantially irrefutable evidence of network access having been granted by a base station to a wireless communication device can be derived.
- 15 15. A method as claimed in claim 14 in which the step of outputting comprises the step of outputting unique identification data.
16. A method as claimed in claim 15, in which the step of outputting unique identification data comprises the step of outputting at least a portion of predetermined address data used by the wireless communication device in communicating with a base station.
- 20 17. A method as claimed in any of claims 14 and 16 in which the step of outputting comprises the step of outputting data comprising an authenticated digital signature providing substantially irrebuttable evidence of the identity of the wireless communication device.
- 25 18. A system comprising means to implement a method as claimed in any preceding claim.
19. A computer program element comprising computer program code means to implement a system or method as claimed in any preceding claim.
20. A computer program product comprising computer readable storage storing a

computer program element as claimed in claim 19.